



## **Mitigation Strategies in School Settings**

*There will be no set requirements from the Health Department. All information provided is guidance, recommendations and based on CDC, DHS and DPI guidance.*

### **Positive Case Identified & Contact Tracing:**

- **Health Department Role**
  - The Health Department will follow their process when a lab confirmed positive case is identified in the school. This includes contact tracing, isolation and quarantine orders.
  - Health Department will provide you with a template to collect a line list of the students and staff who were in contact with the positive case.
  - The health department will call the school to get a line list when there is a positive case, if you are not yet aware of the positive case, this is when you would be informed. It is possible that the parents will have already notified the school.
- **School District/School Role**
  - Contact the parent or guardian of the child exposed to COVID-19 in the school setting based on school process identified. Inform parent or guardian of the exposure; let them know they will be contacted by the health department within 48 hours. Notify parent or guardian that the student cannot return to school without the release from quarantine from the Health Department.
  - Schools can also send parent or guardian a letter to explain exposure that occurred. The Health Department will provide a template for you to use. Schools will be expected to add date of exposure.
  - Complete a line list and forward to the health department
    - Line list template (add here when ready)
    - Email line list to: [health@fdlco.wi.gov](mailto:health@fdlco.wi.gov)

### **Student/Staff Sickness and Absenteeism**

- **Track students' illnesses with COVID-19 specific symptoms.**
  - At this time, DHS will not be testing schools. If this would change, the Health Department will be in contact with the schools/school districts.
  - Encourage testing of students and staff if they exhibit COVID symptoms. They can work with their primary care provider or call the COVID clinic at (844) 225-0147.
- **Report to Health Department if you are seeing a trend in absenteeism based on symptoms or cohorts.**
  - We will not require daily updates or lists from the school regarding this information.
  - Use of an algorithm for determining removal from the school setting based on symptoms. (include when available)

### Vulnerable or High Risk Students and Staff

- Plan on how you will support the at-risk populations whether students or staff.
- Use CDC guidelines to determine who is at risk:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html>